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After removal, topsoil will be immediately redistributed in accordance with R645-301-242 and stockpiled pending redistribution under R645-301-234. For details refer to Section 5 of Appendix 2-1.

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221. Prime Farmland Investigation

The Natural Resource Conservation Service conducted a prime farmland assessment in October 2006 and determined that "No Prime Farmland or Soils of Statewide Importance were found within the study area (Coal Hollow Mine area), per criteria outlined in the National Survey Handbook Part 622 and Exhibit UT603-1, respectively (C. Meier, 2006)." The assessment stated that the soils "..could classify as Soils of Statewide Importance, if irrigated.."

"An available and reliable source of moisture to sustain crops common to the area is the primary limiting factor that excludes the observed soils from classifying as Prime Farmland or SSI (C. Meier, 2006)."

"In addition to a lack of a reliable source of water, soils did not classify as Prime Farmland due to high pH, high electrical conductivity, excessive erosion potential on steep slopes and slow permeability (C. Meier, 2006)."

A copy of the NRCS Prime Farmland Determination is included in Section 1 of Appendix 2-1.

222. Soil Survey

An order 2 soils survey has been completed in 2007 at the Coal Hollow Project. Appendix 2-1 contains a report that provides the details for this survey. The survey area is on private lands leased by Alton Coal Development (ACD) and adjacent lands. This soil survey was prepared so that ACD could: 1) identify suitable sources of subsoil and topsoil; 2) determine topsoil and subsoil salvage depths and quantities; and, 3)

develop a post mining reclamation plan using salvaged soil materials. This soil survey covers approximately 630 acres.

222.100. Soils Map

A map with soil map unit delineations is shown on Drawing 2-1.

222.200. Soil Identification

Soils in the Coal Hollow project soil survey area have been grouped into thirteen soil map units based on taxonomic classification, depth to parent material, and slope. The composition of these map units is described in table 2-1. Detailed descriptions of each soil map unit are included in Appendix 2-1. The soil survey map is Drawing 2-1.

Table 2-1. Soil map unit composition for the Coal Hollow project area.

Map Unit	Pct	Soil Type[1]	Taxonomic Classification[2]	Modal Pedon[3]
1		**A Family – Wapiti Family complex, 3 to 8 percent slopes**		
	65	A Family	fine, mixed, superactive, mesic Aridic Calciustept	1
	15	Wapiti Family	fine-loamy, mixed, superactive, mesic Calcidic Argiustoll	32
	10	D	fine, mixed, superactive, mesic Aridic Calciustoll	33
	5	Manzanst Family	fine, mixed, superactive, mesic Aridic Haplustalf	48
	5	N Family	fine, mixed, superactive, frigid Aquic Calciustoll	26
2		**M Family - Calendar Family – D Family complex, 3 to 8 percent slopes**		
	60	M Family	fine, mixed, superactive, mesic Aridic Calciustepts	3
	25	Calendar Family	fine, mixed, superactive, mesic Aridic Haplustepts	4
	15	D Family	fine, mixed, superactive, mesic Aridic Calciustoll	2
3		**Cibeque Family – Wapiti Family complex, 3 to 8 percent slopes**		
	60	Cibeque Family	fine-loamy, mixed, superactive, mesic Aridic Calciustept	6
	30	Wapiti Family	fine-loamy, mixed, superactive, mesic Calcidic Argiustoll	31
	5	A Family	fine, mixed, superactive, mesic Aridic Calciustept	
	5	Calendar Family	fine, mixed, superactive, mesic Aridic Haplustepts	
4		**Jonale Family - Graystone Cobbly Substratum Family - Wapiti Family complex, 3 to 8 percent slopes**		
	50	Jonale Family	fine-loamy, mixed, superactive, mesic Aridic Calciustoll	17
	25	Graystone cobbly substratum Family	coarse-loamy, mixed, superactive, mesic Aridic Calciustoll	39
	15	Wapiti Family	fine-loamy, mixed, superactive, mesic Calcidic Argiustoll	19
	5	D Family	fine, mixed, superactive, mesic Aridic Calciustoll	
	5	A Family	fine, mixed, superactive, mesic Aridic Calciustept	

Map Unit	Pct	Soil Type[1]	Taxonomic Classification[2]	Modal Pedon[3]
5		Calendar Family - M Family – Drififty Family complex, 8 to 25 percent slopes		
	40	Calendar Family	fine, mixed, superactive, mesic Aridic Haplustepts	24
	30	M Family	fine, mixed, superactive, mesic Aridic Calciustept	25
	20	Drififty Family	loamy, mixed, superactive, calcareous, mesic Aridic Lithic Ustorthent	49
	10	Zigzag	Clayey, mixed, superactive, calcareous, mesic, shallow Aridic Ustorthent	
6		Graystone - Cookcan – Jonale Family complex, 1 to 5 percent slopes		
	45	Graystone	coarse-loamy, mixed, superactive, mesic Aridic Calciustoll	15
	20	Cookcan	coarse-loamy, mixed, superactive, frigid Typic Calciaquoll	9B
	20	Jonale Family	fine-loamy, mixed, superactive, mesic Aridic Calciustoll	16
	15	I Family	fine-loamy, mixed, superactive, frigid Aquic Calciustept	14
7		Happyhollow Family - Alamosa complex, 1 to 5 percent slopes		
	55	Happyhollow Family	fine, mixed, superactive frigid Aeric Epiaquept	38
	20	Alamosa	fine-loamy, mixed, superactive, frigid Typic Argiaquoll	18A
	10	Jicarilla Family	fine, mixed, superactive, frigid Typic Argiaquoll	43
	10	Tetonview Family	fine-loamy, mixed, superactive frigid Aeric Calciaquoll	40
	3	Brumley	fine-loamy, mixed, superactive, mesic Calcidic Haplustalf	
	2	Jonale Family	fine-loamy, mixed, superactive, mesic Aridic Calciustoll	
8		Brumley – Graystone - Snilloc complex, 3 to 8 percent slopes		
	40	Brumley	fine-loamy, mixed, superactive, mesic Calcidic Haplustalf	22
	30	Graystone Cobbly Substratum Family	coarse-loamy, mixed, superactive, mesic Aridic Calciustoll	20
	20	Snilloc	coarse-loamy, mixed, superactive, mesic Aridic Calciustept	21
	10	Jonale Family	fine-loamy, mixed, superactive, mesic Aridic Calciustoll	
9		D Family - Deacon complex, 5 to 30 percent slopes		
	55	D Family	fine, mixed, superactive, mesic Aridic Calciustoll	41
	30	Deacon	fine-loamy, mixed, superactive, mesic Aridic Haplustoll	42
	10	A Family	fine, mixed, superactive, mesic Aridic Calciustept	
	5		Creek bottom	
10		Zigzag clay, 8 to 25 percent slopes		
	85	Zigzag	Clayey, mixed, superactive, calcareous, mesic, shallow Aridic Ustorthent	50
	10	Drififty Family	loamy, mixed, superactive, calcareous, mesic Aridic Lithic Ustorthent	
	5	Calendar Family	fine, mixed, superactive, mesic Aridic Haplustepts	

Map Unit	Pct	Soil Type[1]	Taxonomic Classification[2]	Modal Pedon[3]
11		**A family clay, 8 to 25 percent slopes**		
	85	A Family	fine, mixed, superactive, mesic Aridic Calciustept	28
	10	Calendar Family	fine, mixed, superactive, mesic Aridic Haplustepts	
	5	Zigzag	Clayey, mixed, superactive, calcareous, mesic, shallow Aridic Ustorthent	
12		**Manzanst Taxadjunct Family clay, 3 to 12 percent slopes**		
	85	Manzanst Family	very fine, mixed, superactive, mesic Aridic Haplustalf	48
	10	Manzanst Family Deep	very fine, mixed, superactive, mesic Aridic Haplustalf	60
	5	A Family	fine, mixed, superactive, mesic Aridic Calciustept	
13		**A Family – Happyhollow Family complex, 1 to 5 percent slopes**		
	80	A Family	fine, mixed, superactive, mesic Aridic Calciustept	59
	15	Happyhollow Family	fine, mixed, superactive frigid Aeric Epiaquept	45
	5	I Family	fine-loamy, mixed, superactive, frigid Aquic Calciustept	52

222.300 Soil Descriptions

Based on the order 2 soils survey that was completed on 2007, the following soil map unit descriptions and productivities apply. Additional information describing each soil map unit is contained in Appendix 2-1.

1 A Family – Wapiti Family complex, 3 to 8 percent slopes

General Description

Map unit 1 is dominated by clayey soils with very slow hydraulic conductivity rates of less than 0.04 inches per hour based on the silty clay soil texture (p. 91, Renard, 1997). The depth to Tropic shale is greater than 40 inches in the major soils (A and Wapiti soil families), but minor inclusions with Tropic shale from 20 to 40 inches deep occur. The map unit is dominated by big sagebrush and grasses.

This map unit occurs at the north end of the map unit where the Coal Hollow project proposes to build facilities and establish topsoil and subsoil stockpiles.

Taxonomic Soil Classifications

Percent of Map Unit	Soil Series Family	Taxonomic Family	Typifying Soil Pedon
65	A Family	fine, mixed, superactive, mesic Aridic Calciustept	1*
20	Wapiti Family	fine-loamy, mixed, superactive, mesic Calcidic Argiustoll	32
10	D Family	fine, mixed, superactive, mesic Aridic Calciustoll	33
5	M	fine, mixed, superactive, mesic Aridic Haplustepts	26
* Lab analysis of typifying soil pedon for map unit.			

Map unit 1 description is continued on page 2-5.

Typifying Soil Pedon Descriptions

Soil colors are for dry soil unless specified otherwise.

The typifying soil pedon for A family soils in map unit 1 is soil pedon 1. The surface is a grayish brown clay loam 12 inches thick, dark grayish brown (moist). The subsoil (calcic) consists of light brownish gray silty clay, light olive brown (moist). Decomposing Tropic shale occurs at 42 inches below the surface.

The typifying soil pedon for the Wapiti family soils in map unit 1 is soil pedon 32. The mollic surface is a brown loam 8 inches thick, very dark grayish brown (moist). The subsurface (argillic) is a pale brown clay loam and silty clay, brown (moist). The subsoil (calcic) is pink loam to 6 feet, brown (moist). The underlying soil to nearly 12 feet is light yellowish brown silty clay over pink coarse sands with 10 percent faint strong brown mottles.

Supporting Soil Pedons

Soil family A is also represented by soil pits 27 and 30 in map unit A. Soil pit 27 does not have Tropic shale within 140 inches of the surface. Soil pit 30 has decomposing Tropic shale at 105 inches below the surface.

Laboratory Analysis

Analysis of soil samples from soil pit 1 had a poor soil pH (8.7) from 24 to 42 inches and fair lime percents (22.6 to 28.3 percent) throughout the soil profile. The silty clay texture at 24 inches is in the poor category for texture. SAR increases gradually with depth to 4.02 in the 24 to 42 inch horizon and then reaches 12.3 in the tropic shale below 42 inches.

Soil Inclusions

Small inclusions of D Family and N Family soils occur within map unit 1. D Family soils are similar to the A Family soils, but have a mollic epipedon (dark surface). The N family soils are very deep, similar to the D Family soil, but have aquic soil conditions below 20 inches and are located in concave depressions within map unit 1.

2 M Family – Calendar Family - D Family complex, 3 to 8 percent slopes

General Description

This map unit is dominated by soils with Tropic shale parent material at 20 to 72 inches below the surface. The map unit is dominated by big sagebrush and grasses with some pinyon pine and Utah juniper encroaching along edges of the map unit near map unit 5. This map unit is dominated by clayey soils with very slow hydraulic conductivity rates of less than 0.04 inches per hour based on the silty clay soil texture (p. 91, Renard, 1997).

This map unit occurs at the north end of the map unit where the Coal Hollow project proposes to build facilities. A second small delineation of map unit 2 occurs along the south boundary of the proposed year 1 mining area west of the county road.

Taxonomic Soil Classifications

Percent of Map Unit	Soil Series Family	Taxonomic Family	Typifying Soil Pedon
60	M Family	fine, mixed, superactive, mesic Aridic Calciustepts	3*
25	Calendar Family	fine, mixed, superactive, mesic Aridic Haplustepts	4*
15	D family	fine, mixed, superactive, mesic Aridic Calciustoll	2*
* Lab analysis of typifying soil pedon for map unit.			

Typifying Soil Pedon Descriptions

The typifying soil pedon for M family soils in map unit 2 is soil pedon 3. The surface is a brown loam 4 inches thick, dark brown (moist). The subsurface (cambic) is a grayish brown clay loam and silty clay loam 15 inches thick, brown (moist). The underlying subsoil to 33 inches is light brownish gray silty clay, light olive brown (moist). Tropic shale parent material occurs at 33 inches below the surface.

The typifying soil pedon for Calendar family soils in map unit 2 is pedon 4. The surface is pale brown silty clay 4 inches thick, dark grayish brown (moist). The subsurface (cambic) is light brownish gray silty clay moderate to strong structure, dark grayish brown (moist) to 31 inches. Tropic shale parent material occurs at 31 inches.

The typifying soil pedon for D family soils in map unit 2 is pedon 2. The surface (mollic) is brown clay loam 12 inches thick, very dark grayish brown (moist). The subsurface (cambic and calcic) is pale brown silty clay and clay to 48 inches deep, brown (moist).

The subsoil is white silty clay to 72 inches, brown (moist). Tropic shale parent material occurs at 72 inches below the surface.

Supporting Soil Pedons

Soil pedon 12 is representative of soil type M and is located in the delineation of map unit 2 along the south boundary of the year 1 mining area. The depth to Tropic shale in pedon 12 is 26 inches.

Laboratory Analysis

The main limiting feature of soils in map unit 2 is an increase of conductivity and SAR into the fair range as the soil depth reaches the interface with Tropic shale. The percent lime in the soil ranges from 18.6 to 27.5 above the Tropic shale. The saturation percentage increases with the percent clay, but remains in the fair range even with the clay and silty clay.

3 Cibeque Family - Wapiti Family complex, 3 to 8 percent slopes

General Description

Map unit 3 is characterized by very deep soils that show some indication of alluvial deposition most likely from the large alluvial fan that formed this portion of Sink Valley. Recent soil deposition from nearby Robinson Creek is indicated in pedon 6 by an increase of organic matter at 12 inches below the soil surface.

Taxonomic Soil Classifications

Percent of Map Unit	Soil Series Family	Taxonomic Family	Typifying Soil Pedon
60	Cibeque	fine-loamy, mixed, superactive, mesic Aridic Calciustept	6*
30	Wapiti	fine-loamy, mixed, superactive, mesic Calcidic Argiustoll	31
5	A Family	fine, mixed, superactive, mesic Aridic Calciustept	
5	Calendar Family	fine, mixed, superactive, mesic Aridic Haplustepts	

* Lab analysis of typifying soil pedon for map unit.

Typifying Soil Pedon Descriptions

The typifying soil pedon for Cibeque family soils in map unit 3 is soil pedon 6. The surface is brown loamy sand 12 inches thick, dark yellowish brown (moist). The subsoil (calcic) is pale brown loam and sandy loam to 34 inches deep, brown (moist). The underlying soil to 60 inches is light grayish brown silty clay, brown (moist).

The typifying soil pedon for Wapiti family in map unit 3 is soil pedon 31. The surface (mollic) is dark grayish brown loam 7 inches thick, dark brown (moist). The subsurface (argillic) is light yellowish brown clay loam to 17 inches, dark yellowish brown (moist).

The subsoil (lower argillic and calcic) is light brownish gray and brown clay loam and loam to 52 inches, grayish brown and brown (moist). The underlying soil to 110 inches is very pale brown sandy loam and loamy sand, brown and yellowish brown (moist).

Supporting Soil Pedons

Soil pedon 13 is representative of Cibeque family in map unit 3.

Laboratory Analysis

Soil pH increases to the fair category (8.3 to 8.5) at 6 inches below the surface in pedon 6. The soil pH is consistent with percent lime in fair category (18.4 to 29.2). The loamy sand surface has a fair water holding capacity. Organic matter has an irregular increase at 12 inches from 0.7 in the A2 horizon to 2.6 in the upper Bk horizon.

Soil Inclusions

Small inclusions of A and Calendar soil families occur in map unit 3. A family soils are similar to Cibeque soils, but have a higher percentage of clay in the control section (10 to 40 inches). Calendar soils are very deep but do not have either an argillic horizon (increase in illuvial clays) or a calcic horizon within 40 inches of the soil surface.

4 Jonale Family – Graystone cobbly substratum Family - Wapiti Family complex, 3 to 8 percent slopes

General Description

Map unit 4 is characterized by very deep fine-loamy and coarse-loamy soils with mollic epipedons and calcic horizons. Lime accumulations below 12 to 22 inches are common in these soils. Soil pH is strongly alkaline below 22 inches in some soils. Vegetation in this map unit is big sagebrush and grasses.

Taxonomic Soil Classifications

Percent of Map Unit	Soil Series Family	Taxonomic Family	Typifying Soil Pedon
50	Jonale Family	fine-loamy, mixed, superactive, mesic Aridic Calciustoll	17*
25	Graystone cobbly substratum family	coarse-loamy, mixed, superactive, mesic Aridic Calciustoll	39*
15	Wapiti Family	fine-loamy, mixed, superactive, mesic Calcidic Argiustoll	19*
5	D Family	fine, mixed, superactive, mesic Aridic Calciustoll	7*
5	A Family	fine, mixed, superactive, mesic Aridic Calciustept	

* Lab analysis of typifying soil pedon for map unit.

Typifying Soil Pedon Descriptions

The typifying soil pedon for Jonale family in map unit 4 is soil pedon 17. The surface (mollic) is a brown clay loam 9 inches thick, dark brown (moist). The subsurface (cambic) is a pale brown clay loam to 18 inches, brown (moist). The lower subsurface (Bwk) to 45 inches is light yellowish brown loam and clay loam, dark yellowish brown (moist). The underlying subsoil (calcic) is very pale brown clay loam and silty clay to 80 inches, yellowish brown (moist).

The typifying soil pedon for Graystone cobbly substratum family in map unit 4 is soil pedon 39. The surface is brown clay loam 12 inches thick, dark brown (moist). The subsurface (calcic) is a very pale brown to light yellowish brown sandy loam to 36 inches deep, yellowish brown (moist) with 0 to 15 percent gravels and cobbles. The underlying subsoil is very pale brown very cobbly loamy sand to 75 inches, brown (moist).

The typifying soil pedon for Wapiti family in map unit 4 is soil pedon 19. The surface (mollic) is a grayish brown loam 6 inches thick, very dark grayish brown (moist). The subsurface (upper argillic) is a brown and pale brown clay loam to 24 inches deep, dark grayish brown and yellowish brown (moist). The lower subsurface (lower argillic and upper calcic, Btk) is a pale brown loam to 37 inches deep, brown (moist). The underlying subsoil (calcic) is a pale brown and light yellowish brown sandy loam to 90 inches deep, yellowish brown (moist).

Supporting Soil Pedons

Jonale family is represented by soil pedons 5, 8, 10, 18B, 23, 34, and 35. Soil family H is represented by soil pedons 11, 36, and 37.

Laboratory Analysis

Jonale soil family is characterized by soil pH in the poor range of 8.6 to 9.0 (Utah DOGM, 2005) at depths below 22 to 40 inches. This strongly alkaline soil pH corresponds to lime percentages of greater than 30 in this same portion of the soil profile.

Graystone cobbly substratum soil family is dominated by sandy loam and loamy sand textures with some clay loam. Lime accumulation occurs below 12 to 16 inches, but percentages are lower relative to the fine-loamy type C soils. Soil pH becomes strongly alkaline at depths of 48 inches in some pedons. There is 15 to 45 percent gravels and cobbles below 36 inches.

Wapiti soil family has fair levels of carbonates throughout the soil profile. Soil pH was measured as poor below 68" in soil pedon 19.

Soil Inclusions

Soil family D is represented by pedon 7 in map unit 4. There are also small inclusions of

soil family A where map unit 4 borders map units 1 and 11.

5 Calendar Family - M Family – Drififty Family complex, 8 to 25 percent slopes

General Description

These soils are moderately deep (20 to 40 inches) to shallow (less than 20 inches to Tropic shale. The moderately deep soils have clayey textures, while the shallow soils are loamy. Vegetation is pinyon pine, Utah juniper, black sage and grasses.

Taxonomic Soil Classifications

Percent of Map Unit	Soil Series Family	Taxonomic Family	Typifying Soil Pedon
45	Calendar Family	fine, mixed, superactive, mesic Aridic Haplustepts	24*
30	M family	fine, mixed, superactive, mesic Aridic Calciustept	25*
20	Drififty Family	loamy, mixed, superactive, calcareous, mesic Aridic Lithic Ustorthent	49*
5	Zigzag	Clayey, mixed, superactive, calcareous, mesic, shallow Aridic Ustorthent	
* Lab analysis of typifying soil pedon for map unit.			

Typifying Soil Pedon Descriptions

The typifying soil pedon for Calendar family in map unit 5 is soil pedon 24. The surface is olive brown clay 5 inches thick, dark grayish brown (moist). The subsurface (cambic) is dark grayish brown and olive clay with moderate to strong blocky structure to 32 inches. Tropic shale parent material is at 32 inches.

The typifying soil pedon for M family in map unit 5 is soil pedon 25. The surface is covered with a half inch of decomposing needles and twigs. The soil surface is light brown clay 5 inches thick, brown (moist). The subsurface (calcic) is brown and strong brown clay with lime accumulations, dark brown (moist). Tropic shale parent material is at 32 inches.

The typifying soil pedon for Drififty family in map unit 5 is soil pedon 49. The surface light yellowish brown silty clay loam 3 inches thick, light olive brown (moist). The subsoil is a light olive brown loam to 10 inches, olive brown (moist). Interbeded sandstone and Tropic shale are at 10 inches.

Laboratory Analysis

Calendar soil family is characterized by percent clay of 44 to 47 with correspondingly high saturation percentages of 73.6 to 91.2. Conductivity increases to 7.8 at 17 inches below the surface.

Soil type M is characterized by percent clay of 40 to 47 with correspondingly high saturation percentages of 58.5 to 80.6 in the upper 20 inches of the soil profile. The percent clay decreases to 33 percent below 20 inches. Lime percentage is greater than 30 in the 5 to 20 inch depth, but less than 5 above and below this zone.

Drififty soil family is characterized by pH of 8.1 to 8.4, lime percentage of 18, and SAR of less than 0.1.

Soil Inclusions

There are some inclusions of Zigzag soils that are shallow (less than 20 inches) to Tropic shale. Zigzag soils are clayey.

6 Graystone – Cookcan – Jonale Family complex, 1 to 5 percent slopes

General Description

These medium to coarse textured soils are very deep. Wet soil conditions are present at varying depths in all of the map unit soils. The depth to wet soil conditions varies from 14 to 58 inches. This map unit is not a good source of subsoil. It is estimated that these soils are slower to warm up in the spring due to the wet soil conditions. Vegetation is grasses, sedges, and forbs.

Taxonomic Soil Classifications

Percent of Map Unit	Soil Series Family	Taxonomic Family	Typifying Soil Pedon
45	Graystone	coarse-loamy, mixed, superactive, mesic Aridic Calciustoll	15*
20	Cookcan	coarse-loamy, mixed, superactive, frigid Typic Calciaquoll	9B*
20	Jonale Family	fine-loamy, mixed, superactive, mesic Aridic Calciustoll	16*
15	I Family	fine-loamy, mixed, superactive, frigid Aquic Calciustept	14*

* Lab analysis of typifying soil pedon for map unit.

Typifying Soil Pedon Descriptions

The typifying soil pedon for Graystone soils in map unit 6 is soil pedon 15. There is a dense root mat 1 inch thick on the surface. The surface is brown sandy loam 8 inches thick, dark brown (moist). The subsurface (cambic) is pale brown loam with moderate structure, dark yellowish brown (moist) to 20 inches. The subsoil (calcic) is very pale brown loam to 58 inches deep, yellowish brown (moist). The underlying soil is yellow and brownish yellow sandy loam with common prominent mottles to 96 inches, yellowish brown (moist).

The typifying soil pedon for Cookcan soils in map unit 6 is soil pedon 9B. The surface is dark grayish brown loam 6 inches thick, very dark grayish brown (moist). The lower surface is grayish brown sandy clay loam to 14 inches with few faint mottles, dark grayish brown (moist). The subsurface is light brownish gray sandy loam with common prominent mottles, dark gray (moist). The subsoil is light gray sandy loam with many prominent mottles, grayish brown (moist). The soil was wet below 48 inches.

The typifying soil pedon for Jonale soil family in map unit 6 is soil pedon 16. There is a dense root mat 1 ½ inch thick on the surface. The surface is dark grayish brown silty clay loam 8 inches thick, very dark grayish brown (moist). The subsurface (cambic) is pale brown silty clay to 18 inches, strong brown (moist). The subsoil is pink clay loam to 36 inches, brown (moist). The lower subsoil is pink silty clay loam and loam with few faint strong brown mottles to 68 inches, brown (moist). The underlying soil is light brownish gray clay loam with common prominent yellowish red mottles, grayish brown (moist).

Supporting Soil Pedons

Soil pedon 9A is similar to Graystone soils, but it has carbonates throughout the soil profile without any zone of accumulation.

Laboratory Analysis

Strongly alkaline soil pH (8.6 to 9.0) within 12 to 20 inches of the soil surface is the main limiting feature of the soils in map unit 6. Soil pedon 9A has very strongly alkaline pH (greater than 9.0) below 12 inches of the surface.

Lime percentage exceeds 30 in 3 of 5 pedons within 12 to 20 inches of the surface. Lime percentage ranges from 15 to 26 in the other two pedons from the surface to 48 inches.

Soil Inclusions

Soil pedon 14 is representative of I family soils within map unit 6 that do not have a mollic epipedon (dark surface) and have aquic (wet) soil conditions within 30 inches of the surface. These soils have a calcic horizon.

7 Happyhollow Family – Alamosa complex, 1 to 5 percent slopes

General Description

This soil map unit is located on a Tropic shale structural bench on the east side of the Sink Valley fault.Soils are characterized by clay and a high water table that is perched on top of the heavy clay soils. The high water table is at or within a foot of the soil surface during the wet period of the year. It is estimated that these soils are slower to warm up in the spring due to the wet soil conditions. Vegetation is sedges and forbs.

Taxonomic Soil Classifications

Percent of Map Unit	Soil Series Family	Taxonomic Family	Typifying Soil Pedon
55	Happyhollow Family	fine, mixed, superactive frigid Aeric Epiaquept	38*
20	Alamosa	fine-loamy, mixed, superactive, frigid Typic Argiaquoll	18A*
10	Jicarilla Family	fine, mixed, superactive, frigid Typic Argiaquoll	43
10	Tetonview Family	fine-loamy, mixed, superactive frigid Aeric Calciaquoll	40*
3	Brumley	fine-loamy, mixed, superactive, mesic Calcidic Haplustalf	
2	Jonale Family	fine-loamy, mixed, superactive, mesic Aridic Calciustoll	

* Lab analysis of typifying soil pedon for map unit.

Typifying Soil Pedon Descriptions

The typifying soil pedon for Happyhollow family soils in map unit 7 is soil pedon 38. The surface is dark grayish brown (moist) silty clay 6 inches thick. The subsurface is a yellowish brown (moist) silty clay 6 inches thick. The calcic horizon begins at 12 inches below the surface and is a light yellowish brown (moist) to very pale brown (moist) silty clay. The calcic horizon continues to 48 inches or deeper. The water table was at 29 inches when the pit was described in March 2007. Mottles and gleyed soil were observed below 12 inches. Vegetation is grasses, sedges, widely scattered Wyoming big sagebrush, and wild rose.

The typifying soil pedon for Alamosa soils in map unit 7 is soil pedon 18A. The mollic surface is a very dark grayish brown (moist) loam to 7 inches. The cambic horizon is a brown (moist) loam to 15 inches deep. The calcic horizon is a light olive brown (moist) sandy loam to 30 inches. The underlying soil is grayish brown (moist) clay loam and sandy clay loam to 60 inches deep. Mottles were observed below 7 inches. The water table was at 51 inches when the described in September 2006.

Supporting Soil Pedons

Happyhollow family soil type was observed in pedon 45 within map unit 7 and a similar clayey soil in pedon 44. The Alamoss soil was also observed in pit 46.

Laboratory Analysis

The Happyhollow family soil is characterized by silty clay from the surface down to 24 inches or greater. Soil pH is 8.3 to 8.5 in the 12 to 24" horizon. Saturation percentage ranges from 69.9 to 81.8 in the upper 24 inches. The calcium carbonate equivalent ranges from 17.8 to 28.3 in the upper 20 inches and then increases to 44.5 below 20 inches. This soil pit was not sampled below 24 inches, because of the high water table.

Alamosa soil is characterized by medium textured soils (loam, clay loam, and sandy clay loam) in the upper 60 inches. The calcium carbonate equivalent ranges increases from 20.2 percent in the upper 7 inches to 29.3 percent in the 30 to 45 inch horizon.

Soil Inclusions

A soil similar to Alamosa soils, but with more clay in the control section is in localized areas. Soil mottles were observed and water was flowing into pit 43 when it was described in April 2007. The water table appeared to be perched on top of the underlying clay horizon at 54 inches.

Tetonview family soils were identified in soil pit 40. Mottles were observed below 6 inches and a water table at 23 inches when the pit was described in March 2007. This soil has a dark surface (mollic) and a calcic horizon.

Dry soil profiles occur on small isolated mounds within map unit 7. These non-hydric soils include Brumley and Jonale family soils. Both are very deep soils with a calcic horizon. Jonale family soils have a dark surface (mollic).

8 Brumley – Graystone Cobbly - Snilloc complex, 3 to 8 percent slopes

General Description

These soils developed in very deep alluvium on the east side of the Coal Hollow project area. They are medium to coarse textured. Evidence of a fluctuating water table was observed in most soils below 48 to 60 inches, depending on location and physiographic setting. This map unit would be a good source of cover material, but most of the planned disturbance in this area will be limited to cover soil stockpiles.

Taxonomic Soil Classifications

Percent of Map Unit	Soil Series Family	Taxonomic Family	Typifying Soil Pedon
40	Brumley	fine-loamy, mixed, superactive, mesic Calcidic Haplustalf	22*
30	Graystone	coarse-loamy, mixed, superactive, mesic Aridic Calciustoll	20*
20	Snilloc	coarse-loamy, mixed, superactive, mesic Aridic Calciustept	21*
10	Jonale Family	fine-loamy, mixed, superactive, mesic Aridic Calciustoll	
* Lab analysis of typifying soil pedon for map unit.			

Typifying Soil Pedon Descriptions

Colors are for dry soil unless other wise noted.

The typifying soil pedon for the Brumley soils in map unit 8 is soil pedon 22. The surface is pale brown sandy loam to 6 inches. The argillic and upper calcic horizon is a light yellowish brown silty clay loam and sandy clay loam to 28 inches. The underlying soil is very pale brown sandy loam to 84 inches. Mottles increase significantly below 48 inches indicating that there is fluctuating water table during wet years. This soil supports Gamble oak, snowberry, grasses, and forbs.

The typifying soil pedon for the Graystone soil in map unit 8 is soil pedon 20. The surface is brown loam to 6 inches. The cambic horizon is light yellowish brown clay loam to 13 inches. The calcic horizon is very pale brown to light yellowish brown sandy loam and loamy sand to 54 inches. The underlying soil is a light yellowish brown loam to 72 inches and loamy sand to 96 inches. This soil supports Pinyon pine, Utah Juniper, Gamble oak, and snowberry.

The typifying soil pedon for Snilloc soils in map unit 8 is soil pedon 21. The surface is a light yellowish brown sandy clay loam to 8 inches. The calcic horizon is a pale brown sandy clay loam to 18 inches. The underlying soil is a pale brown strongly alkaline sandy loam to 96 inches. This soil was described in an opening of Wyoming big sagebrush within a larger area of Gamble oak.

Supporting Soil Pedons

A moist phase of the Brumley soil was observed in pit 47 in big sagebrush in map unit 8. A few faint mottles were observed below 24 inches. The amount of soil mottling increased significantly below 44 inches. This soil is on a low mound surrounded on three sides by wet soils in map unit 7. A water table was not observed when the pit was described in April 2007, but the mottles indicate that it is common for the water to rise within 44 inches of the surface in most years, and 24 inches in wet year.

Laboratory Analysis

The Brumley soil has calcium carbonate equivalents ranging from 17.5 to 23.8 percent.

The Graystone soil has a low saturation percentage in the 13 to 28 inch horizon (calcic). Calcium carbonate equivalents range from 16.5 to 25.4 percent. Available water capacity is 0.08 in layers of loamy sands below 28 inches.

The Snilloc family soil is characterized by strongly alkaline soil pH (8.7) below 36 inches. Calcium carbonate equivalents range from 16.8 to 29.8 percent.

Soil Inclusions

The Jonale family soils occur within this map unit. These soils are similar to Brumley soils, but have a dark surface (mollic).

9 D Family - Deacon complex, 5 to 30 percent slopes

General Description

These clayey soils are very deep and dominated by clayey textures. They have a dark surface (mollic epipedon). The D family soil has an increase in lime at 6 to 12 inches below the surface, while the Deacon soil has similar levels of lime throughout the soil profile. Soils in this map unit appear to have developed from the large alluvial fan that

covers most of Sink Valley. The map unit is delineated along Robinson Creek and in an area south of the creek that could be the remnants of a historic channel. Vegetation is dominantly big sagebrush, rabbitbrush, and grasses with pinyon pine and Utah juniper encroaching from adjacent areas.

Taxonomic Soil Classifications

Percent of Map Unit	Soil Series Family	Taxonomic Family	Typifying Soil Pedon
55	D Family	fine, mixed, superactive, mesic Aridic Calciustoll	41*
30	Deacon	fine-loamy, mixed, superactive, mesic Aridic Haplustoll	42*
10	A Family	fine, mixed, superactive, mesic Aridic Calciustept	
5		Creek bottom	
* Lab analysis of typifying soil pedon for map unit.			

Typifying Soil Pedon Descriptions

The typifying soil pedon for the D family soil in map unit 9 is soil pedon 41. The surface is brown sandy clay loam to 6 inches, dark brown (moist). The lower surface is brown clay to 12 inches, dark brown (moist). The subsurface (cambic) is pale brown silty clay to 36 inches, brown (moist). The subsoil (calcic) is very pale brown silty clay loam and sandy loam to 80 inches, yellowish brown (moist).

The typifying soil pedon for Deacon soils in map unit 9 is soil pedon 42. The surface is brown loam 9 inches thick, very dark grayish brown (moist). The subsurface (cambic) is pale brown silty clay to 24 inches, brown (moist). The upper subsoil (lower cambic) is pale brown sandy clay loam to 36 inches, brown (moist). The lower subsoil is light yellowish brown loam to 48 inches, yellowish brown (moist).

Supporting Soil Pedons

Soil pedon 29 is representative of the D family soil in map unit 9.

Laboratory Analysis

Poor soil pH at depth and clayey horizons characterize soils in map unit 9. Soil pH is poor below 64 inches in the D family soil (pit 41) and below 36 inches in the Deacon soil. Horizons of silty clay and clay occur in the D family soil (pit 41) between 6 and 36 inches. The clayey horizon in the Deacon soil is between 9 and 24 inches.

Soil Inclusions

The channel area of Robinson Creek comprises a small portion of this map unit. The creek bottom is not vegetated.

10 Zigzag clay, 8 to 25 percent slopes

General Description

These clayey soils are shallow to Tropic shale and formed along the Sink Valley escarpment. Vegetation is pinyon pine, Utah juniper, black sage, and Indian ricegrass.

Taxonomic Soil Classifications

Percent of Map Unit	Soil Series Family	Taxonomic Family	Typifying Soil Pedon
85	Zigzag	clayey, mixed, superactive, nonacid, mesic, shallow Aridic Ustorthent	50*
10	Drififty Family	loamy, mixed, superactive, nonacid, mesic Aridic Lithic Ustorthent	
5	Calendar Family	fine, mixed, superactive, mesic Aridic Haplustepts	
* Lab analysis of typifying soil pedon for map unit.			

Typifying Soil Pedon Description

The typifying soil pedon for the Zigzag soil in map unit 10 is soil pedon 50. The surface is light brownish gray clay to 4 inches, dark grayish brown (moist). The subsurface is light brownish gray clay to 19 inches, dark grayish brown and olive brown (moist). Tropic shale is at 19 inches.

Laboratory Analysis

Clayey soil texture is the main limiting feature to the Zigzag soil in map unit 10. Lime percentage is between 18 and 19 throughout the soil profile. SAR is less than 1. Soil pH is in the good to fair range (8.1 to 8.4).

Soil Inclusions

The Drififty family soil occurs along ridges where the Tropic shale is interbeded with sandstone. These soils are loamy and less than 20 inches deep.
Calendar family soil occur in concave toeslope areas. These soils are clayey and moderately deep (20 to 40 inches) to Tropic shale.

11 A Family clay, 8 to 25 percent slopes

General Description

These soils are very deep and are on the footslope and backslope of the Sink Valley fault escarpment. Vegetation is grasses, rabbitbrush, and big sagebrush.

Taxonomic Soil Classifications

Percent of Map Unit	Soil Series Family	Taxonomic Family	Typifying Soil Pedon
85	A Family	fine, mixed, superactive, mesic Aridic Calciustept	28*
10	Calendar Family	fine, mixed, superactive, mesic Aridic Haplustepts	
5	Zigzag	Clayey, mixed, superactive, nonacid, mesic, shallow Aridic Ustorthent	
* Lab analysis of typifying soil pedon for map unit.			

Typifying Soil Pedon Description

The typifying soil pedon for the A family soil in map unit 11 is soil pedon 28. The surface is grayish brown clay to 8 inches, dark grayish brown (moist). The subsurface (cambic) is gray clay with moderate blocky structure to 24 inches, grayish brown (moist). The upper subsoil (calcic, Bwk) is gray clay with common fine soft calcium carbonate masses to 48 inches, grayish brown (moist). The lower subsoil (calcic, Bk) is light grayish brown clay with common fine and medium soft calcium carbonate masses to 102 inches, grayish brown (moist).

Laboratory Analysis

Clay texture is the primary limiting feature with the A family soil in map unit 11. SAR and conductivity increase significantly in the 24 to 48 inch horizon, but both are still within the fair range (Utah DOGM, 2005). Lime percentage ranges from 17 to 19. Samples were not available for analysis for the 48 to 102 inch zone.

Soil Inclusions

Inclusions of the Calendar family soil occur along shoulders of hills and ridges. These soils are clayey and moderately deep (20 to 40 inches) to Tropic shale.

Small inclusions of the Zigzag soil occur on the summits of ridges and hills. These soils are clayey and shallow (less than 20 inches) to Tropic shale.

12 Manzanst Taxadjunct Family clay, 3 to 12 percent slopes

General Description

These clayey soils are deep to very deep to Tropic shale and formed on gently sloping to moderately steep slopes along the west side of Sink Valley. Vegetation is pinyon pine, Utah juniper, black sage, and Indian ricegrass. The very deep phase is on the backslopes and footslopes. The deep phase (40 to 60 inches to Tropic shale) of Manzanst family soil occurs on the shoulders of the hill sideslopes.

Taxonomic Soil Classifications

Percent of Map Unit	Soil Series Family	Taxonomic Family	Typifying Soil Pedon
85	Manzanst taxadjunct, very deep phase	very fine, mixed, superactive, nonacid, mesic, Aridic Ustorthent	48*
10	Manzanst taxadjunct, deep phase	very fine, mixed, superactive, nonacid, mesic, Aridic Ustorthent	60
5	A Family	fine, mixed, superactive, mesic Aridic Calciustepts	

* Lab analysis of typifying soil pedon for map unit.

Typifying Soil Pedon Description

The typifying soil pedon for the Manzanst taxadjunct soil in map unit 10 is soil pedon 48. The surface is grayish brown clay (moist) 3 inches, very dark grayish brown (moist). The subsurface is light brownish gray clay to 30 inches, dark grayish brown (moist). The substratum is light brownish gray clay with 3 to 10 percent very fine and fine calcium carbonate masses to 84 inches, dark grayish brown (moist).

The typifying pedon for the Manzanst taxadjunct deep phase is pedon 60. It is similar to pedon 48. Tropic shale is at 48 inches.

Laboratory Analysis

Clayey soil texture and SAR are the main limiting features of the Manzanst soil family in map unit 12. The SAR ranges from 10.80 to 12.70 below 12 inches.

Soil Inclusions

The A family soil occurs on the toeslopes and in swales where alluvium has accumulated. These soils are clayey and very deep (greater than 60 inches). They have an accumulation of carbonates in the subsoil.

13 A Family – Happyhollow Family complex, 1 to 5 percent slopes

General Description

These clayey soils are very deep to Tropic shale and formed on nearly level to gently sloping slopes in the south central portion of Sink Valley. Vegetation is grasses. The very deep phase is on the backslopes and footslopes. The deep phase (40 to 60 inches to Tropic shale) of Manzanst family soil occurs on the shoulders of the hill sideslopes.

Taxonomic Soil Classifications

Percent of Map Unit	Soil Series Family	Taxonomic Family	Typifying Soil Pedon
80	A Family	fine, mixed, superactive, mesic Aridic Calciustepts	59
15	Happyhollow Family	fine, mixed, superactive frigid Aeric Epiaquept	45
5	I Family	fine-loamy, mixed, superactive, frigid Aquic Calciustept	52
* Lab analysis of typifying soil pedon for map unit.			

Typifying Soil Pedon Descriptions

The typifying soil pedon for the A family soil in map unit 13 is soil pedon 59. The surface is light yellowish brown clay loam to 10 inches, dark grayish brown (moist). The subsurface is light yellowish brown and very pale brown clay loam to 45 inches, yellowish brown and pale brown (moist). The substratum is very pale brown and pale yellow sandy clay loam to 76 inches. Reddish yellow medium and coarse mottles were observed below 62 inches.

The typifying soil pedon for the Happyhollow family soil is soil pedon 45. The surface is light brownish gray loam to 12 inches, dark grayish brown (moist). The subsurface is light gray and very pale brown sandy clay loam to 48 inches, gray and light yellowish brown (moist). The substratum is very pale brown sandy clay loam to 84 inches, light yellowish brown (moist). The lower substratum is light gray silty clay to 100 inches, gray (moist). Yellow and brownish yellow medium and coarse mottles were observed below 5 inches.

Laboratory Analysis

Field conductivity (ECe) measurements for soil pit 59 ranged from 0.39 to 1.30 mmhos/cm.

Lab analysis of soil pit 28 is representative of the A family soil in map unit 13. Clay texture is the primary limiting feature with the A family soil in map unit 13. SAR and conductivity increase significantly in the 24 to 48 inch horizon (pedon 28), but both are still within the fair range (Utah DOGM, 2005). Lime percentage ranges from 17 to 19. Samples were not available for analysis for the 48 to 102 inch zone.

Soil Inclusions

The I family soils are similar to the A family soil, but they have aquic conditions below 20 inches. Reddish yellow fine mottles were observed in soil pedon 52 below 24 inches.

222.400 Present and Potential Productivity of Existing Soils

Soils in the Coal Hollow project area support big sagebrush, grasses (native and introduced species), pinyon pine, Utah juniper, and Gambel oak. Detailed descriptions of the present and potential productivity of the soils are detailed in Chapter 3, Section 321.200.

223. Soil Characterization

This soil survey was made in accordance with the guidelines for an order 2 soil survey as detailed in the Soil Survey manual (USDA 1993). Soils were classified using the Keys to Soil Taxonomy, Ninth Edition (USDA 2003). Respresentative soil samples were submitted for laboratory analysis of the parameters outlined by the Utah Division of Oil Gas and Mining's *Guidelines for Management of Topsoil and Overburden* (2005).

224. Substitute Topsoil

Based on the 2006-2007 order 2 soil survey, sufficient quantities of suitable topsoil and subsoil are available for reclamation within the project area. The Coal Hollow Project does not plan to use substitute material for topsoil at the time of reclamation. However, if in the future the Coal Hollow mine plan proposes to use selected overburden materials as a supplement or substitute for topsoil, an application will be provided to the DOGM that includes results of analyses, trials, and tests as described under R645-301-232.100 through R645-301-232.600, R645-301-234, R645-301-242, and R645-301-243. DOGM may also require the results of field-site trials or greenhouse tests as required under R645-301-233.

230. Operation Plan

231. General Requirements

231.100. Methods for Removing and Storing Subsoil and Topsoil

The methods for removing and storing topsoil, subsoil, and other materials will be to first remove the woody plants from the area and place them in piles for later placement in pit backfills. Next, dozers or scrapers will remove the topsoil layer to a depth determined by the soil survey. The topsoil will be stockpiled and protected from wind and water erosion by seeding it with an interim seed mix. Side slopes of stockpiles will be sloped to 3h:1v: The suitable subsoil will then be removed and stockpiled separately from the topsoil. The depth of topsoil and subsoil salvage will be determined by the aforementioned soil survey and in the field during mining by the Coal Hollow environmental technician in consultation with a certified professional soil scientist. Drawing 2-2 shows planned topsoil stockpiles and topsoil removal plans.

231.200. Suitable Substitute Topsoil

The use of substitute topsoil is not planned based on the 2007 soil survey information. Demonstration studies of the suitability of topsoil substitutes or supplements will be submitted to the DOGM if the use of topsoil substitutes become necessary for future reclamation and revegetation.

231.300. Soil Testing for Reclamation

The final seedbed of the reclaimed areas will be prepared by first replacing the subsoil and topsoil in the same order it existed prior to removal by the mining activities. Next, a basic soil sampling regime will be implemented prior to seeding that should identify fertility problems and will provide a basis for determining necessary soil fertilizers and amendments. The parameters analyzed will be:

Electrical conductivity (EC)
Sodium adsorption ratio SAR)
pH
Texture
Organic matter
Available phosphorus (P)
Potassium (K)
Nitrate (NO_3-N)

One composite sample will be collected from approximately every 1 to 4 acres based on soil types and variability.

Pre-testing of the soils has been conducted as part of the soils survey. Results from the pre-testing of topsoil and subsoil can be viewed in Table C-1 of Appendix 2-1.

231.400. Topsoil Handling

The topsoil will be removed from the mine area and either live hauled to a reclamation area or stored separately. All soil stockpiles piles will be seeded with an appropriate interim seed mix to prevent loss and deterioration by wind and water erosion. Soil stockpiles will have side slopes graded to a maximum 3h:1v. Piles will be bermed or otherwise treated to prevent the transport of sediments away from the pile. Details about soil horizons and zones planned for use as subsoil are detailed in Appendix 2-1. A detailed map showing stockpile designs/locations and soil removal are shown on Drawing 2-2.

232. Topsoil and Subsoil Removal

232.100. Separate Layers

All soil materials will be removed in separate layers from the area to be disturbed, and segregated.

Based on soil map units, average depths have been estimated and will be used as a guide and monitored in the field. Refer to Table 4-2 in Appendix 2-1. Soil will be salvaged and directly placed or stockpiled as either topsoil or subsoil.

232.200. Topsoil of Insufficient Quantity or Quality

Where the topsoil is of insufficient quantity or poor quality for sustaining vegetation, other materials approved by the DOGM in accordance with R645-301-233.100 will be removed as a separate layer from the area to be disturbed, and segregated.

Based on the Soil Survey, there should be sufficient quantities of topsoil to place an average of eight inches of topsoil across all reclaimed areas.

232.300. Shallow Topsoil Handling

If topsoil is less than six inches thick, the operator may remove the topsoil and the unconsolidated materials immediately below the topsoil and treat the mixture as topsoil.

Sufficient quantities of topsoil are estimated to be available for replacement of an average eight inches of topsoil across reclamation, with a minimum of six inches. Therefore, mixing of topsoil with subsoil is not anticipated to be necessary

232.400 - 232.420. Topsoil Removal Exceptions

UDOGM will not require the removal of topsoil for minor disturbances which occur at the site of small structures, such as power poles, signs, or fence lines. Removal of topsoil will not be required when the disturbances will not destroy the existing vegetation and will not cause erosion.

232.500. Subsoil Segregation

The Coal Hollow Project plans to remove soils as either topsoil or subsoil based on the completed soil survey. DOGM may require that the B horizon, C horizon, or other underlying strata, or portions thereof, be removed and segregated, stockpiled, and redistributed as subsoil in accordance with the requirements of R645-301-234 and R645-301-242 if it finds that such subsoil layers are necessary to comply with the

revegetation requirements of R645-301-353 through R645-301-357.

Refer to Table 4-2 in Appendix 2-1, which contains estimated subsoil salvage depths. In addition, substitute subsoil has been identified in the layers between the identified topsoil layer and the Tropic Shale. Sufficient quantities of this material are available to live haul most of the subsoil with the exception of one stockpile that will be constructed from the initial mining area and reserved for reclamation of the final mining area. All substitute subsoil materials will be sampled and tested for pH, conductivity, SAR, percent lime, and texture, prior to salvage and stockpiling.

232.600. Timing

All material to be removed under R645-301-232 will be removed after the vegetative cover that would interfere with its salvage is cleared from the area to be disturbed, but before any drilling, blasting, mining, or other surface disturbance takes place. Drawing 2-2 shows the anticipated topsoil removal sequence and stockpiling.

232.700. Topsoil & Subsoil Removal Under Adverse Conditions

An exception to the requirements of R645-301-232 to remove topsoil or subsoils in a separate layer from an area to be disturbed by surface operations may be granted by UDOGM where the operator can demonstrate;

232.710. Unsafe Conditions

The removal of soils in a separate layer from the area by the use of conventional machines would be unsafe or impractical because of the slope or other conditions of the terrain or because of the rockiness or limited depth of the soils.

These conditions are not anticipated in the Coal Hollow project area.

232.720. Lack of On-Site Material Available

If the requirements of R645-301-233 have been or will be fulfilled with regard to the use of substitute soil materials unless no available substitute material can be made suitable for achieving the revegetation standards of R645-301-356, then the operator will, as a condition of the permit, be required to import soil material of the quality and quantity necessary to achieve such revegetation standards.

The soil survey indicates that there is sufficient quantities of topsoil and subsoil to adequately reclaim the mined area with 48 inches of combined cover. If additional materials are needed, then Alton Coal Development (ACD) will salvage suitable overburden for use as substitute subsoil material from the zone below the topsoil layer (8 inches thick average) to a maximum depth of 30 feet, excluding any Tropic shale materials. ACD will do additional sampling to identify the zones in which suitable materials occur for maximum salvage potential of substitute subsoil. Representative

overburden samples will be analyzed for pH, conductivity, SAR, percent lime, and texture.

233.100 - 400 Topsoil Substitutes and Supplements.

Based on the Soil Survey contained in Appendix 2-1, topsoil substitutes and supplements are not anticipated to be necessary. This survey estimates that nine inches of topsoil can be replaced across the reclamation area.

234. Topsoil Storage

234.100. Stockpiles

Materials removed under R645-301-232.100, R645-301-232.200, and R645-301-232.300 will be segregated and stockpiled when it is impractical to redistribute such materials promptly on regraded areas. Drawing 2-2 shows the planned stockpile areas, anticipated storage time, quantities and size.

234.200. Requirements of Stockpiles

Stockpiled materials will be subject to the following conditions.

234.210. (a) They will be selectively placed on a stable site within the permit area. Areas are shown on Drawing 2-2.

234.220. (b) They will be protected from contaminants and unnecessary compaction that would interfere with revegetation.

234.230. (c) They will be protected from wind and water erosion through prompt establishment and maintenance of an effective, quick growing vegetative cover or through other measures approved by the UDOGM. The side slopes will be graded to a maximum 3h:1v. Drawing 2-2 shows the planned stockpile areas, anticipated storage time, quantities and size.

234.240. (d) They will not be moved until required for redistribution unless approved by the UDOGM. Anticipated storage time for each stockpile is shown on Drawing 2-2.

234.300. Long-Term Disturbance & Stockpiling

When long-term disturbed areas will result from facilities and preparation plants and when stockpiling of materials removed under 8645-301-232.100 would be detrimental to the quality or quantity of those materials, DOGM may approve the temporary distribution of the soil materials removed to an approved site within the permit area to enhance the

current use of that site until later when needed for reclamation, provided that the following conditions occur.

234.310. Such action will not permanently diminish the capability of the topsoil of the host site.

234.320. The material will be retained in a condition more suitable for redistribution than if stockpiled.

240. Reclamation Plan (General Requirements)

A detailed Order 2 soil survey has been completed in 2006 and 2007. This information provides detail for onsite soil suitability, salvage depths, and volumes available for reclamation of the mine site. Dozers or Scrapers will replace the subsoil and topsoil. The topsoil is estimated to average 8 inches and the subsoil will be approximately 39 inches in thickness. The total profile of topsoil and subsoil is estimated to average 48 inches.

242. Soil Redistribution

242.100. Topsoil materials removed under R645-301-232.100, R645-301-232.200, and R645-301-232.300 and stored under R645-30I-234 will be redistributed in a manner that meets the following conditions.

242.110. (a) The material achieves an approximately uniform, stable thickness consistent with the approved postmining land use, contours, and surface-water drainage systems. All slopes will be appropriately graded and smoothed prior to placement of topsoil and subsoil layers. Soil layer thicknesses will be regularly checked using a high precision GPS system and spot checking by the ACD environmental technician.

242.120. (b) Reduced material handling of the soil resource prevents excess compaction. Material handling will be minimized by direct hauling and placing materials when operationally practical rather than stockpiling. Materials will be spread by a dozer or scrapers and spread only as much as necessary to obtain the required uniform thickness. Traffic from rubber tired equipment across topsoil and subsoil will be minimized.

If heavy equipment operation results in soil compaction at the surface of the reclaimed areas, they will then be ripped, disked, and harrowed to loosen the seedbed prior to seeding. In other areas where less compaction has occurred, the areas will be disked and harrowed. The disking and harrowing of all areas will be done parallel with the contour wherever possible to decrease the potential for water erosion downslope. In other areas where compaction is not a problem, dozer tracking can be used to roughen the surface, and to trap seed,

fertilizer, mulch, and other amendments as well as decrease erosion by wind and water. In such cases seeding will be done immediately after this treatment, whereas soil amendments, where required, would be applied over the surface during seedbed preparations. Seeding will mainly occur in the early spring and late fall. Further details about seeding can be reviewed in Chapter 3.

242.130. (c) Handling procedures will be implemented to protect the materials from wind and water erosion before and after seeding and planting. Reclamation will be graded to the planned slope angles, not to exceed 3h:1v. Soil layers will sloped as the material is relocated to the reclaim areas. Once soil is placed, seeding will occur at the earliest appropriate season suitable to planting conditions. Grass matting, mulching and/or cross ditches will be implemented as necessary to control erosion.

242.200. Treatments of Material to be Redistributed

Before redistribution of the materials removed under R645-301-232, the regraded land will be treated if necessary to reduce potential slippage of the redistributed material and to promote root penetration. If no harm will be caused to the redistributed material and reestablished vegetation, such treatment may be conducted after the material is replaced.

Potential for slippage is anticipated to be minimal based on the planned slope angles for reclamation.

242.300. Soil Redistribution on Impoundments & Roads

DOGM may not require the redistribution of topsoil or topsoil substitutes on the approved postmining embankments of permanent impoundments or roads if it determines the following.

242.310. (a) Placement of topsoil or topsoil substitutes on such embankments is inconsistent with the requirement to use the best technology currently available to prevent sedimentation.

242.320. (b) Such embankments will be otherwise stabilized.

243. Soil Nutrients & Amendments

Nutrients and soil amendments will be applied to the redistributed material when necessary to establish the vegetative cover. The final seedbed of the reclaimed areas will be prepared by first replacing the subsoil and topsoil. Next, a basic soil sampling regime will be implemented prior to seeding that should identify fertility problems and will provide a basis for determining necessary soil amendments. The parameters analyzed will be:

Electrical conductivity (EC)
Sodium adsorption ratio (SAR)
pH
Texture
Organic matter
Available phosphorus (P)
Soluble Potassium (K)
Nitrate-Nitrogen

One composite sample will be collected from approximately every 1 to 4 acres based on soil types and variability. Each composite will be comprised of at least 4 su-samples.

Pre-testing of the soils has been conducted as part of the soils survey. Results from the pre-testing of topsoil and subsoil can be viewed in Table C-1 of Appendix 2-1 (native topsoil and subsoil) and Table C-2 (samples from core hole/overburden pits) of Appendix 2-1.

244. Soil Stabilization

244.100. Erosion Protection from Wind & Water

All exposed surface areas will be protected and stabilized to effectively control erosion and air pollution attendant to erosion. Reclamation will be regraded to the planned slope angles, not to exceed 3h:1v. Soil layers will be sloped as the material is relocated to the reclaim areas. Once soil is placed, seeding will occur at the earliest appropriate season suitable to planting conditions. Grass matting, mulching and/or cross ditches will be implemented as necessary to control erosion.

244.200. Mulch

Suitable mulch and other soil stabilizing practices will be used on all areas that have been regraded and covered by topsoil or topsoil substitutes. DOGM may waive this requirement if seasonal, soil, or slope factors result in a condition where mulch and other soil stabilizing practices are not necessary to control erosion and to promptly establish an effective vegetative cover.

Mulch will be placed on the seedbed surface once soil amendments have been incorporated and seeding has been accomplished in areas that will be reclaimed to native plant communities (areas used for pasture lands will not be mulched). The mulch should control erosion by wind and water, decrease evaporation and seed predation, and increase survivability of the seeded species. Like the seeding methods, mulch will be applied with a variety of techniques and materials depending on the reclaimed area.

244.300. Rills & Gullies

Rills and gullies that form in areas that have been regraded and topsoiled that cause the following conditions will have the topsoil replaced followed by reseeding or replanting if the following occurs.

244.310. (a) If they disrupt the approved postmining land use or the reestablishment of the vegetative cover.

244.320. (b) If they cause or contribute to a violation of water quality standards for receiving streams will be filled, regraded, or otherwise stabilized.

250. PERFORMANCE STANDARDS

251. Topsoil & Subsoil Removed

All topsoil, subsoil and topsoil substitutes or supplements will be removed, maintained and redistributed according to the plan given under R645-301-230 and R645-301-240.

252. Topsoil & Subsoil Stockpiled

All stockpiled topsoil, subsoil and topsoil substitutes or supplements will be located, maintained and redistributed according to plans given under R645-301-230 and R645-301-240.